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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of

Nobuo KOMHEYAMA, et al.

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Honorable Commissioner of Patents
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

**RESPONSE TO FIRST OFFICE ACTION AND
RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated September 23, 2004, please consider the following:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

Remarks begin on page 2 of this paper.